

STATISTICS ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, INITIATED AND REFERRED MEASURES

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, September 1920

At a special election on Sept. 21, 1920, Nebraska voters considered the 41 proposals submitted by the constitutional convention of 1919-20. Separate ballot boxes were provided for female voters because there was a legal question about whether women were entitled at that time to vote on constitutional amendments. The men rejected Proposal No. 6, permitting the Legislature to increase the membership of the Senate. Women voters gave a majority of 4,458 votes for the measure. Their votes were allowed, and the proposal was approved. On the other propositions, the men's and women's votes resulted in a favorable majority.

The following tabulation gives men's and women's votes separately and the combined vote.

| Amendment Number | Men | | Women | | Total | | Total Vote |
|---------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|
| | For | Against | For | Against | For | Against | |
| 1..... | 48,743 | 15,400 | 15,807 | 2,434 | 64,550 | 17,834 | 82,384 |
| 2..... | 49,619 | 13,363 | 16,302 | 1,860 | 65,921 | 15,223 | 81,144 |
| 3..... | 52,111 | 12,089 | 17,515 | 1,535 | 69,626 | 13,624 | 83,250 |
| 4..... | 42,379 | 16,862 | 13,667 | 2,972 | 56,046 | 19,834 | 75,880 |
| 5..... | 45,185 | 16,899 | 14,309 | 3,183 | 59,494 | 20,082 | 79,576 |
| 6..... | 30,153 | 32,266 | 10,930 | 6,472 | 41,083 | 38,738 | 79,821 |
| 7..... | 42,239 | 17,094 | 14,094 | 2,659 | 56,333 | 19,753 | 76,086 |
| 8..... | 39,425 | 15,105 | 13,048 | 2,309 | 52,473 | 17,414 | 69,887 |
| 9..... | 47,973 | 12,909 | 15,602 | 1,594 | 63,575 | 14,503 | 78,078 |
| 10..... | 49,250 | 13,996 | 16,149 | 1,965 | 65,399 | 15,961 | 81,360 |
| 11..... | 51,359 | 9,910 | 16,154 | 1,254 | 67,513 | 11,164 | 78,677 |
| 12..... | 44,439 | 11,442 | 14,396 | 1,378 | 58,835 | 12,820 | 71,655 |
| 13..... | 45,391 | 14,168 | 15,093 | 1,942 | 60,484 | 16,110 | 76,594 |
| 14..... | 43,653 | 15,542 | 14,483 | 2,254 | 58,136 | 17,796 | 75,932 |
| 15..... | 42,751 | 13,844 | 13,583 | 2,064 | 56,334 | 15,908 | 72,242 |
| 16..... | 49,836 | 10,885 | 15,306 | 1,559 | 65,142 | 12,444 | 77,586 |
| 17..... | 44,073 | 17,051 | 12,839 | 4,302 | 56,912 | 21,353 | 78,265 |
| 18..... | 47,471 | 14,462 | 18,012 | 954 | 65,483 | 15,416 | 80,899 |
| 19..... | 54,763 | 7,605 | 17,216 | 1,081 | 71,979 | 8,686 | 80,665 |
| 20..... | 49,923 | 10,505 | 16,117 | 1,356 | 66,040 | 11,861 | 77,901 |
| 21..... | 51,282 | 11,958 | 15,261 | 2,445 | 66,543 | 14,403 | 80,946 |
| 22..... | 42,119 | 17,235 | 12,743 | 3,973 | 54,862 | 21,208 | 76,070 |
| 23..... | 45,725 | 13,242 | 15,270 | 2,123 | 60,995 | 15,365 | 76,360 |
| 24..... | 49,873 | 11,734 | 17,040 | 1,465 | 66,913 | 13,199 | 80,112 |
| 25..... | 44,015 | 14,723 | 15,009 | 2,361 | 59,024 | 17,084 | 76,108 |
| 26..... | 44,903 | 13,489 | 14,202 | 2,072 | 59,105 | 15,561 | 74,666 |
| 27..... | 52,492 | 10,793 | 16,411 | 1,798 | 68,903 | 12,591 | 81,494 |
| 28..... | 48,454 | 12,861 | 15,009 | 1,831 | 63,463 | 14,692 | 78,155 |
| 29..... | 41,771 | 15,371 | 13,768 | 1,994 | 55,539 | 17,365 | 72,904 |
| 30..... | 47,658 | 11,218 | 14,118 | 1,769 | 61,776 | 12,987 | 74,763 |
| 31..... | 51,282 | 11,958 | 15,261 | 2,445 | 66,543 | 14,403 | 80,946 |
| 32..... | 47,828 | 9,721 | 14,254 | 1,307 | 62,082 | 11,028 | 73,110 |
| 33..... | 44,735 | 11,648 | 13,847 | 1,808 | 58,582 | 13,456 | 72,038 |
| 34..... | 49,612 | 8,608 | 14,831 | 1,093 | 64,443 | 9,701 | 74,144 |
| 35..... | 49,265 | 8,388 | 15,088 | 1,056 | 64,353 | 9,444 | 73,797 |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, September 1920 (Cont'd.)

| Amendment Number | Men | | Women | | Total | | Total Vote |
|---------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|
| | For | Against | For | Against | For | Against | |
| 36..... | 53,576 | 6,502 | 16,285 | 875 | 69,861 | 7,377 | 77,238 |
| 37..... | 51,221 | 9,095 | 16,792 | 1,223 | 68,013 | 10,318 | 78,331 |
| 38..... | 43,219 | 18,263 | 14,285 | 3,210 | 57,504 | 21,473 | 78,977 |
| 39..... | 45,735 | 12,736 | 14,509 | 1,919 | 60,244 | 14,655 | 74,899 |
| 40..... | 46,544 | 13,254 | 14,849 | 2,256 | 61,393 | 15,510 | 76,903 |
| 41..... | 40,982 | 12,721 | 13,712 | 1,541 | 54,694 | 14,262 | 68,956 |

Proposals Submitted by the Constitutional Convention of 1919-20

| Number | Proposal |
|---------|---|
| 1..... | Authorize five-sixths jury verdict in civil cases |
| 2..... | Permit regulation by law of property rights of aliens |
| 3..... | Declare English the official language of the state and require common school branches to be taught therein |
| 4..... | Reduce percentages in number of signatures required for initiative and referendum |
| 5..... | Require district legislative apportionment in counties entitled to two or more representatives or senators; omit state census |
| 6..... | Increase number of state senators from 33 to 50 |
| 7..... | Increase legislative salaries from \$600 to \$800 |
| 8..... | Revise legislative procedure relating to adoption of conference reports and first and second readings of bills |
| 9..... | Prohibit appointment of state legislators to state offices |
| 10..... | Prohibit raising of salaries during terms of office |
| 11..... | Reserve mineral rights for state lands |
| 12..... | Eliminate obsolete 1875 legislative apportionment |
| 13..... | Provide for creation of new executive offices by two-thirds vote of the Legislature, executive budget, Board of Pardons and five-year residence requirement for office of governor |
| 14..... | Create office of tax commissioner; provide Board of Equalization |
| 15..... | Revise organization, jurisdiction and procedure of courts and election of judges |
| 16..... | Require concurrence of five Supreme Court judges to declare laws unconstitutional |
| 17..... | Provide for election of Supreme Court judges by districts |
| 18..... | Provide for women's suffrage |
| 19..... | Provide for soldier suffrage |
| 20..... | Provide for distribution of temporary school fund |
| 21..... | Prohibit sale of school lands except at public auction |
| 22..... | Provide for election of university regents by districts |
| 23..... | Prohibit state aid to sectarian institutions |
| 24..... | Raise age for commitment to industrial schools from 16 to 18 |
| 25..... | Provide Board of Education for normal schools |
| 26..... | Require uniform and proportional taxes on tangible property and franchises; permit classification of other property and taxes other than property taxes |
| 27..... | Allow tax exemptions, including \$200 of household goods to each family; revise forestry exemptions |
| 28..... | Place county tax limit at 50 cents on \$100 actual valuation |
| 29..... | Provide for changes in county boundaries |
| 30..... | Require public utility corporations to report to Railway Commission |
| 31..... | Prohibit consolidation of competing public utility corporations without permission of Railway Commission |
| 32..... | Regulate stocks and dividends of public utility corporations |
| 33..... | Permit metropolitan cities to adopt their present charter as home rule charter |
| 34..... | Insure cooperative features in certain associations; permit limitation of shares and voting; regulate foreign corporations; allow stocks and bonds to be issued only for actual value |
| 35..... | Define priority rights in use of water power |
| 36..... | Secure title of state to water power sites |
| 37..... | Permit creation of industrial commission to administer laws relative to labor disputes and profiteering |

Proposals Submitted by the Constitutional Convention of 1919-1920 (Cont'd.)

| Number | Proposal |
|----------|---|
| 38 | Permit regulation as to minimum wage and conditions of employment of women and children |
| 39 | Provide that constitutional amendments submitted by Legislature be adopted by a majority voting on the question, if affirmative vote is no less than 35 percent of total voters in election |
| 40 | Fix increased salaries of state officers, including judges of Supreme Court and district courts, effective until changed by Legislature (not more often than once in eight years) |
| 41 | Eliminate obsolete provisions and provide continuing schedule |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010

Following is an explanation of the percentages of votes needed for adoption of constitutional amendments.

Amendments proposed by the Legislature. From 1875 to 1920, an amendment proposed by the Legislature could be adopted only if a majority of the people voting in the election approved the amendment. This explains why many early amendment proposals were rejected, even when a majority of those voting on the question voted in favor of it. The constitution was changed in 1920, allowing an amendment to be approved by a majority of those voting on the question, provided the affirmative vote was no less than 35 percent of the total votes cast at the election. This requirement has continued to the present.

Amendments proposed by initiative petition. An amendment proposed by initiative petition and placed on the ballot is adopted if a majority of those voting on the amendment vote in favor of it, provided the affirmative vote is no less than 35 percent of the total votes cast at the election. This has been the requirement since 1912, when initiative provisions were added to the constitution.

Amendments proposed by a constitutional convention. An amendment proposed by a constitutional convention need only be approved by a majority of those voting on the amendment. This has been the requirement since 1875, when the constitution was first written. This explains why all 41 amendments submitted by the constitutional convention of 1919-20 were approved, even though none of the amendments received more than 72,000 votes in an election with 390,833 total voters.

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Recount | | Total Votes Cast* |
|---------------------|--------------|---|--------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | For | Against | |
| 1882 | - | 1. Woman suffrage, authorization | 25,756 | 50,693 | - | - | 89,068 |
| 1884 | - | 1. Legislators, term of office two years, salary \$300, sessions not less than 60 days | 51,959 | 17,766 | - | - | - |
| | - | 2. Board of Railway Commissioners, term of office two years, requirement of residence at seat of government | 22,297 | 44,488 | - | - | 133,555 |
| 1886 | + | 1. Legislators, term of office two years, salary \$5 per day (instead of \$3 as hitherto) while in session; session limit 100 days, 60 days at one time | 65,712 | 22,236 | 72,497 | 22,135 ¹ | 138,239 |
| 1890 | - | 1. Liquor traffic prohibition | 82,292 | 111,728 | - | - | - |
| | - | 2. Liquor traffic licensing | 75,462 | 91,084 | - | - | - |
| | - | 3. Supreme Court, increase to five judges, term of office five years | 86,418 | 53,022 | - | - | - |
| | - | 4. Supreme Court, salary increase from \$2,500 to \$3,500; district court, from \$2,500 to \$3,000 | 69,192 | 61,519 | - | - | 214,861 |
| 1892 | - | 1. Board of Railway Commissioners, creation, term of office three years | 80,032 | 14,185 | 80,569 ² | - | - |
| | - | 2. Permanent educational funds, investment | 84,426 | 11,258 | 89,050 | - | 197,474 |
| 1896 | - | 1. Supreme Court, increase to five judges, term of office five years | 84,579 | 37,896 | 97,644 | 37,029 ³ | - |
| | - | 2. Supreme Court and district court judges, compensation to be established by Legislature and not changed more often than once in four years | 61,119 | 48,533 | - | - | - |
| | - | 3. Executive state officers, compensation to be established by Legislature and not changed more often than once in four years | 59,496 | 47,611 | - | - | - |
| | - | 4. Judicial power to be vested in Supreme Court, district courts, county courts, justices of the peace, police magistrates and in such other courts inferior to Supreme Court as may be created by law | 60,094 | 45,377 | - | - | - |
| | - | 5. Judges, Legislature may increase number in Supreme Court and district courts and judicial districts of state, but not more often than once in four years | 59,343 | 46,576 | - | - | - |
| | - | 6. Five-sixths jury verdict. Legislature may provide in civil actions and may also provide trial by jury of less than 12 men in courts inferior to the district court | | | 73,573 | 39,006 | - |

*Total votes cast in election, including ballots of people not voting on particular amendment indicated. Prior to 1906, the number of total votes cast was determined using the total votes for governor.

- Rejected or declared void by Nebraska Supreme Court.

+ Adopted.

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|---------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | - | 7. Executive state officers, number, including Railway Commissioners, term of office | 67,045 | 40,597 | - |
| | - | 8. State officers, manner of increasing number | 60,246 | 44,063 | - |
| | - | 9. Educational funds, investment | 78,447 | 36,619 | - |
| | - | 10. Questions of merging government of any city of metropolitan class and government of county in which city is located, to be submitted to voters | 56,960 | 47,634 | - |
| | - | 11. Votes to be by ballot or by such other method as may be prescribed by law | 62,303 | 44,370 | - |
| | - | 12. Questions of donations to works of internal improvement and manufacturers must be submitted to qualified electors and ratified by a two-thirds vote | 60,479 | 45,669 | 217,763 |
| 1904 ⁴ | - | 1. Constitution, provisions for revising, amending and changing | 32,820 | 23,497 | 232,457 |
| 1906 ⁵ | + | 1. Board of Railway Commissioners, duties, term of office six years | 147,472 | 8,896 | 194,692 |
| 1908 | + | 1. Supreme Court, number of judges seven, provision for election, term of office six years, salary \$4,500; district court judges, \$3,000 | 214,218 | 16,271 | - |
| | + | 2. Educational funds investment | 213,000 | 14,395 | 271,491 |
| 1910 | - | 1. Suffrage, limit to full citizens of United States, 21 years old and resident of state for six months preceding the election in precinct or ward ⁶ | 100,450 | 74,878 | 243,390 |
| 1912 | + | 1. Initiative and referendum, authorization | 189,200 | 15,315 | - |
| | + | 2. Legislators, term of office two years, salary \$600 | 173,225 | 26,355 | - |
| | + | 3. Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, creation | 174,939 | 25,439 | - |
| | + | 4. Biennial elections, establishment | 174,151 | 25,048 | - |
| | + | 5. Home rule charters, authorization for cities of more than 5,000 inhabitants | 164,579 | 32,041 | 259,124 |
| 1914 | - | 1. Uniform and progressive taxation, provision | 88,068 | 82,136 | - |
| | - | 2. Five-sixths jury verdict, authorization | 102,891 | 63,596 | - |
| | - | 3. Executive state officers, salaries | 89,385 | 76,013 | - |
| | - | 4. Women's suffrage authorization ⁷ | 90,738 | 100,842 | 246,941 |
| 1916 | + | 1. Liquor traffic, prohibition ⁷ | 146,574 | 117,132 | - |
| | - | 2. Pure Food Department, creation ⁷ | 91,215 | 105,993 | 302,685 |
| 1918 | + | 1. Suffrage, limit to full citizens | 123,292 | 51,600 | 225,717 |
| 1920 ⁸ | + | 41. | | | 390,833 |
| 1924 | - | 1. Direct primary and nonpartisan elections, establishment ⁷ | 163,932 | 228,485 | 471,600 |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|---------------------|--------------|--|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1928 ⁹ | - | 1. Schools for blind and deaf, control | 240,995 | 185,410 | 554,762 |
| 1930 | + | 1. Stockholders in failed banks, liability..... | 182,536 | 92,593 | - |
| | - | 2. Depositors' guaranty fund, relief | 120,554 | 144,882 | 451,904 |
| 1934 | + | 1. Liquor traffic, repeal of prohibition..... | 328,074 | 218,107 | - |
| | + | 2. Creation of unicameral, nonpartisan legislature ⁷ | 286,086 | 193,152 | - |
| | + | 3. Pari-mutuel betting, authorization ⁷ | 251,111 | 187,455 | 578,764 |
| 1936 | + | 1. Land Commissioner, abolition of office..... | 246,682 | 210,143 | - |
| | - | 2. Stockholders in banks, liability | 204,904 | 234,908 | 617,066 |
| 1938 | - | 1. Slot machines, licensing ⁷ | 115,189 | 333,120 | - |
| | + | 2. Stockholders in failed banks, liability..... | 190,328 | 178,998 | - |
| | - | 3. Elective executive officers, reduction of number..... | 89,357 | 233,319 | - |
| | - | 4. State superintendent of public instruction, member of Board of Educational Lands and Funds | 145,345 | 168,035 | - |
| | - | 5. Board of Pardons, change of membership..... | 111,284 | 189,056 | - |
| | - | 6. Elective state executive officers, recall..... | 124,829 | 170,883 | 507,471 |
| 1940 | + | 1. State superintendent of public instruction, member of Board of Educational Lands and Funds | 239,805 | 179,600 | - |
| | - | 2. County government, optional form | 173,107 | 254,639 | 623,781 |
| 1942 | - | 1. County government, optional form | 125,513 | 160,801 | 387,992 |
| 1944 | - | 1. Gas tax, prohibition of diversion ⁷ | 205,262 | 271,901 | 568,464 |
| 1946 | + | 1. Closed shop, abolition ⁷ | 212,443 | 142,702 | - |
| | - | 2. Schools, state aid ⁷ | 101,881 | 260,345 | 399,501 |
| 1948 | - | 1. Minerals, taxation..... | 150,071 | 190,526 | 497,084 |
| 1950 | - | 1. Legislature, annual or biennial sessions, 30-50 members, term of office four years, compensation to be provided by law | 71,173 | 129,677 | 459,319 |
| 1952 | + | 1. Courts, boards or commissions, effective date of compensation..... | 224,452 | 151,977 | - |
| | + | 2. Motor vehicle tax | 248,292 | 166,767 | - |
| | - | 3. Legislature, increasing salary of | 196,842 | 184,940 | - |
| | + | 4. State Department of Education, establishment | 243,116 | 144,426 | - |
| | + | 5. Constitutional convention, provisions for calling | 229,919 | 126,438 | - |
| | + | 6. Constitutional amendments, reducing publication to three issues | 277,033 | 93,280 | 616,236 |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|---------------------|--------------|--|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1954 | - | 1. Officers' salaries, remove eight-year restriction | 159,361 | 163,006 | - |
| | + | 2. Board of Educational Lands and Funds, method of appointing members..... | 163,108 | 144,743 | - |
| | - | 3. Executive officers, change residence requirements..... | 149,447 | 149,767 | - |
| | + | 4. Property values, methods of determining uniform value..... | 167,979 | 134,006 | - |
| | - | 5. County assessors and boards of equalization and assessment, appointment..... | 134,938 | 175,621 | - |
| | + | 6. Household goods, exempt from taxation | 185,972 | 139,238 | - |
| | + | 7. On adoption of sales or income tax, prohibition of property tax | 189,444 | 128,250 | - |
| | - | 8. Tax commissioner or Tax Commission, appointment | 149,108 | 149,134 | 431,917 |
| 1956 | + | 1. Overloading vehicles, change allocation of fines and penalties | 238,008 | 219,552 | - |
| | + | 2. Grain tax | 251,513 | 193,282 | - |
| | - | 3. Absolve realty tax | 194,858 | 206,006 | - |
| | + | 4. Officers' salaries, remove eight-year restriction | 236,364 | 209,162 | - |
| | - | 5. Tax commissioner or Tax Commission, appointment | 194,812 | 213,936 | 584,786 |
| 1958 | + | 1. Executive officers, change resident requirements | 183,915 | 126,938 | - |
| | + | 2. Property taxes and assessment charges unpaid for 15 years, cancel..... | 206,055 | 107,152 | - |
| | + | 3. Vacancy in office of governor, revise line of succession..... | 243,913 | 68,673 | - |
| | + | 4. Abolish Board of Control; provide for management, control and government of state institutions | 218,062 | 98,109 | - |
| | - | 5. Legislature, increase salaries..... | 111,447 | 209,122 | - |
| | + | 6. Separate Juvenile Court, create..... | 238,290 | 98,813 | - |
| | - | 7. Municipalities acquire, own and lease property to private enterprises..... | 124,026 | 175,874 | - |
| | + | 8. Public power districts, in lieu of taxes ⁷ | 197,348 | 123,342 | - |
| | + | 9. Bingo ⁷ | 214,923 | 151,350 | 430,769 |
| 1960 | + | 1. Government, continuity in emergencies..... | 388,813 | 82,281 | - |
| | + | 2. Preferred stock, value, voting rights | 230,472 | 170,442 | - |
| | + | 3. Livestock, change method of taxation..... | 245,503 | 185,186 | - |
| | + | 4. Executive officers, contesting of elections for | 283,128 | 126,805 | - |
| | + | 5. Bonded warehouses, exempt from taxation goods in storage..... | 221,405 | 193,191 | - |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|---------------------|--------------|--|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | + | 6. County judges, election; county judge judicial districts, formation of | 234,990 | 198,158 | - |
| | + | 7. Legislators, increase salaries | 298,716 | 145,113 | - |
| | + | 8. Municipalities, acquire, own and lease property to private enterprises | 336,631 | 129,312 | - |
| | - | 9. Commissioner of education, election of ^e | 228,321 | 304,014 | 619,399 |
| 1962 | + | 1. Lottery on gift enterprises, authorization | 342,695 | 85,926 | - |
| | + | 2. State Railway Commission, election from districts | 227,709 | 135,556 | - |
| | + | 3. Lieutenant governor, candidacy for governor | 307,740 | 85,774 | - |
| | + | 4. Governor and lieutenant governor, four-year terms | 198,601 | 195,177 | - |
| | + | 5. Legislators, four-year terms | 214,651 | 168,618 | - |
| | + | 6. Chief justice, judges of Supreme Court and district court judges, appointment | 220,181 | 150,212 | - |
| | + | 7. Legislative districts, reapportionment | 218,019 | 175,613 | 472,249 |
| 1964 | - | 1. Commissioner of education, election of ^e | 222,667 | 324,266 | - |
| | + | 2. State officials, term of office for | 306,408 | 187,692 | - |
| | + | 3. Certain veterans, tax exemption for | 368,913 | 120,714 | - |
| | + | 4. Intangible property for tax purposes, classification of | 251,035 | 204,613 | - |
| | + | 5. Certain motor vehicles, different method of taxing | 236,607 | 215,173 | - |
| | + | 6. Certain state executive officers, realignment of duties | 270,280 | 159,942 | - |
| | + | 7. Certain loans, authorize Legislature to separately define, classify and regulate, and establish maximum interest rates | 260,922 | 233,387 | 592,673 |
| 1966 | + | 1. Ineligibility of elective officers, eliminate | 238,417 | 167,874 | - |
| | - | 2. Legislators, travel expenses for | 162,020 | 255,624 | - |
| | - | 3. Private vocational schools, contracts with governmental subdivisions | 174,704 | 231,587 | - |
| | + | 4. Board of Education, increase membership | 268,029 | 141,722 | - |
| | - | 5. Agricultural land use, valuation of | 153,127 | 240,083 | - |
| | - | 6. Parochial or private schools, transportation services for | 191,986 | 253,945 | - |
| | + | 7. Judges, removal or retirement of | 323,244 | 77,877 | - |
| | + | 8. State income tax law, based upon federal laws | 215,696 | 176,326 | - |
| | + | 9. Governor, limitation to two consecutive terms | 258,332 | 150,405 | - |
| | + | 10. State real estate taxes, payment or cancellation of taxes | 219,424 | 161,547 | - |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|---------------------|--------------|--|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | + | 11. Unsold school lands, administration of | 230,970 | 144,856 | - |
| | + | 12a. Educational funds, investment of | 223,845 | 142,903 | - |
| | + | 12b. Investment of other funds, Legislature to provide for..... | 193,215 | 153,163 | - |
| | + | 13a. Legislature to be elected, change method of apportionment..... | 201,130 | 150,149 | - |
| | + | 13b. Legislature, specify representation in districts changed by reapportionment..... | 181,403 | 144,644 | - |
| | - | 14. State property tax, restriction on..... | 182,364 | 218,061 | - |
| | + | 15. Intangible property tax exemptions, life insurance contracts..... | 270,377 | 112,067 | - |
| | + | 16. State property tax, termination of ^e | 223,969 | 216,093 | 497,995 |
| 1968 | - | 1. Electors, reduce voting age to 19..... | 246,672 | 255,051 | - |
| | + | 2. Normal schools, rename and designate governing body..... | 249,809 | 182,508 | - |
| | + | 3. County offices, consolidation | 256,346 | 178,736 | - |
| | + | 4. Election contests, jurisdiction by Supreme Court..... | 250,863 | 165,795 | - |
| | + | 5. Constitutional amendments, Legislature empowered to call special elections..... | 258,178 | 162,880 | - |
| | - | 6. Personal property, classify or exempt from taxation..... | 206,126 | 230,705 | - |
| | + | 7. University regents, redistrict and increase membership | 221,625 | 194,995 | - |
| | + | 8. Lotteries, raffles and gift enterprises, use and regulation | 306,577 | 139,260 | - |
| | + | 9. Board of Parole, establish..... | 318,446 | 101,216 | - |
| | - | 10. Public electrical corporations, create | 176,339 | 217,094 | - |
| | + | 11a. Legislators, appointment to other offices | 254,876 | 149,333 | - |
| | + | 11b. Legislators, mid-term salary increases | 226,298 | 152,752 | - |
| | + | 12. Homestead, tax exemption | 238,143 | 178,037 | - |
| | + | 13. Education, long-term student loans | 301,610 | 144,182 | - |
| | + | 14. Highway construction, state bonds and revenue for..... | 224,927 | 208,758 | - |
| | + | 15. Legislators, increase salary..... | 282,039 | 168,165 | - |
| | - | 16. Income tax, prohibit ⁷ | 183,328 | 331,987 | 540,176 |
| 1970 | + | 1. Electors' voting age, reduce to 20..... | 235,548 | 194,301 | - |
| | + | 2. Supreme Court judicial districts, redistricting of | 230,589 | 148,941 | - |
| | - | 3. Legislature, eliminate reading of entire bill before final vote..... | 170,873 | 222,788 | - |
| | + | 4. Retired Supreme Court or district court judge, call for duty | 260,349 | 127,900 | - |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or – | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | + | 5. Universities and colleges, issue revenue bonds for facilities | 233,330 | 143,373 | - |
| | – | 6. Mill levy, repeal county limitation | 93,251 | 288,288 | - |
| | – | 7. Commission on Legislative Compensation, create | 112,443 | 266,446 | - |
| | – | 8. Home Rule Charter or Convention, amendment of, increase number of electors | 156,650 | 194,008 | - |
| | + | 9. Justice of Peace, eliminate; county court districts, permit; Supreme Court, administrative authority vested in; judges, regulations and restrictions; administrative director of courts, appointment of | 198,450 | 165,087 | - |
| | + | 10. Personal property, classification, taxation | 215,418 | 199,637 | - |
| | + | 11. Legislative, educational trust funds, management of | 213,233 | 152,155 | - |
| | – | 12. Financial grants, students, nonpublic schools | 182,827 | 250,529 | - |
| | – | 13a. Lieutenant governor, presiding officer of Legislature, eliminate | 164,946 | 200,085 | - |
| | + | 13b. Lieutenant governor and governor, election, same political party, one vote jointly | 187,147 | 146,695 | - |
| | + | 13c. Lieutenant governor, full-time duties | 214,906 | 115,803 | - |
| | – | 14. Board of Trustees of Higher Education, establish | 129,628 | 243,637 | - |
| | + | 15. Annual legislative sessions, limited length | 194,971 | 173,064 | 471,055 |
| 1972 Primary Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Legislature, clarify meaning and eliminate obsolete matter | 255,656 | 62,482 | - |
| | + | 2. Legislature, annual appropriations | 150,352 | 145,460 | - |
| | + | 3. Governor's budget bill, veto powers and effect | 198,201 | 108,024 | - |
| | + | 4. Juvenile court judicial districts, creation or abolition | 174,096 | 125,622 | - |
| | + | 5. Executive officers, clarification of Legislature's certification of each candidate's election | 244,376 | 59,945 | - |
| | + | 6. Two-house Legislature, removal of obsolete language referring to | 240,046 | 60,994 | - |
| | + | 7. Supreme Court budget, conform with annual sessions of Legislature | 228,368 | 66,496 | - |
| | + | 8. Electors, reduce voting age to 18 | 218,569 | 92,838 | - |
| | + | 9. State and local governments, authorization of joint or governmental functions | 183,458 | 107,092 | - |
| | + | 10. U.S. Senator, repeal obsolete provisions for election of | 234,047 | 62,842 | - |
| | + | 11. Schedule, recodification and revision, removal of obsolete matter | 220,803 | 66,448 | - |
| | + | 12. Industrial development bonds, transfer of provisions, eliminate conflicting provisions | 178,140 | 104,162 | - |

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| Year Voted On | + or – | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | + 13. | Militia, revision..... | 202,172 | 85,073 | - |
| | + 14. | Corporation, revision..... | 178,361 | 97,246 | - |
| | + 15a. | Suffrage, change resident requirements | 180,208 | 113,567 | - |
| | + 15b. | Eliminate exceptions to military duty on election day..... | 164,230 | 109,508 | - |
| | + 15c. | Permit other methods of voting..... | 167,375 | 107,260 | - |
| | + 16. | Education, disburse federal funds to private schools when authorized by federal law..... | 173,405 | 163,683 | 413,015 |
| 1972 General Election | | | | | |
| | + 1. | Legislature, qualifications of members | 368,109 | 140,448 | - |
| | + 2. | Judiciary, change number of district judges, alter district boundaries..... | 247,609 | 224,907 | - |
| | – 3. | Legislature, salary as set by law..... | 169,310 | 326,063 | - |
| | + 4. | Felony, guarantee right of appeal..... | 291,348 | 155,048 | - |
| | + 5. | Officers, removal, filling vacancies, succession to office of governor | 266,481 | 186,734 | - |
| | + 6. | Felony, conviction, when prohibited from holding office..... | 334,085 | 116,558 | - |
| | + 7. | Agricultural land, fix valuation, revenue, procedure | 250,672 | 220,656 | - |
| | – 8. | Legislative officers and employees, include in state retirement system..... | 222,724 | 244,581 | - |
| | – 9. | Legislature, per diem compensation for members, procedure for establishing..... | 177,554 | 292,472 | - |
| | + 10. | Education, recodify, revise, clarify provisions..... | 320,909 | 126,737 | - |
| | + 11. | Off-street parking, authorize revenue for | 246,893 | 210,173 | - |
| | + 12. | Judicial Nominating Commission, release candidates' names, Supreme Court judge, nonvoting member | 261,380 | 184,193 | - |
| | + 13. | State officers, employees, retirement benefits, cost-of-living changes | 283,686 | 190,093 | - |
| | – 14. | Board of Equalization, change membership | 218,761 | 227,652 | - |
| | + 15. | Conflicts of interest, standards, definitions for determining effects | 237,263 | 200,183 | - |
| | + 16. | State Railway Commission, change name..... | 282,678 | 177,575 | 591,616 |
| 1974 Primary Election | | | | | |
| | – 1. | Legislature, increase salary from \$400 to \$675 per month..... | 141,205 | 162,364 | - |
| | – 2. | Legislature, remove lieutenant governor as presiding officer, remove voting right..... | 99,052 | 180,100 | 329,007 |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1974 General Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. University of Nebraska Board of Regents, nonvoting student membership..... | 198,737 | 198,024 | - |
| | + | 2. Legislature, regular sessions, commencement date change..... | 199,036 | 175,221 | - |
| | + | 3. Legislature, submission of acts to governor | 186,376 | 176,669 | 466,956 |
| 1976 General Election | | | | | |
| | - | 1. Legislature, eliminate requirement that bills be read at large before final vote..... | 207,816 | 315,089 | - |
| | + | 2. Legislature, override line item veto of appropriation bills..... | 284,796 | 205,732 | - |
| | - | 3. Legislature, change date of regular session and terms of members | 225,247 | 256,594 | - |
| | - | 4. Legislature, remove lieutenant governor as presiding officer..... | 156,554 | 329,347 | - |
| | - | 5. Legislature, authorize political subdivision to issue bonds for redevelopment projects..... | 210,684 | 277,671 | - |
| | + | 6a. Permit state to enter contracts providing nonsectarian service to handicapped children..... | 289,683 | 229,824 | - |
| | - | 6b. Allow state to make loans or grants to students in private colleges, universities and other higher learning institutions..... | 255,394 | 267,315 | - |
| | - | 7. Allow broadcasting of Industrial Development Act for counties and cities..... | 195,008 | 283,674 | - |
| | - | 8. Legislature, increase salary from \$400 to \$675 per month..... | 241,032 | 286,017 | 623,764 |
| 1978 General Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Authorize municipalities to redevelop blighted properties..... | 233,872 | 186,879 | - |
| | - | 2. Broaden Industrial Development Act for cities and counties to attract enterprises..... | 200,314 | 200,711 | - |
| | - | 3. Tax exemption or credit for installation of alternate energy systems | 198,980 | 204,544 | - |
| | - | 4. Change salary of members of Legislature..... | 195,015 | 229,053 | - |
| | + | 5. Remove constitutional restrictions on retroactive application of retirement benefits | 216,161 | 196,761 | - |
| | + | 6. Provide that offenses involving penetration by force or against will of victim be nonbailable..... | 355,949 | 79,179 | - |
| | + | 7. Provide that State Board of Equalization equalize assessments of property among counties..... | 210,109 | 163,718 | 511,010 |
| 1980 Primary Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Allow governor to fill vacancy in office of lieutenant governor..... | 203,135 | 114,254 | - |
| | - | 2. Compensation Review Commission, recommend changes in salaries | 134,589 | 173,515 | 380,714 |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1980 General Election | | | | | |
| - | | 1. Change number and formation of Supreme Court judicial districts..... | 265,791 | 271,110 | - |
| + | | 2. Change membership of Commission on Judicial Qualifications and provide disciplinary measures for judges | 358,264 | 153,925 | - |
| + | | 3. Authorize Legislature to provide tax exemption on energy conservation improvements..... | 314,354 | 221,024 | - |
| - | | 4. Provide that Legislature enact system of financing public education that imposes no unfair and excessive property tax burden..... | 245,845 | 311,203 | 651,281 |
| 1982 Primary Election | | | | | |
| - | | 1. Members of Legislature, receive salary of not more than one-third of governor's salary | 105,421 | 194,951 | 347,144 |
| 1982 General Election | | | | | |
| - | | 1. Require reading of legislative bills at large before final passage | 210,647 | 264,826 | - |
| + | | 2. Authorize use of revenue bonds to develop blighted property | 220,771 | 215,083 | - |
| - | | 3. Limit right of redemption of real estate sold for nonpayment of taxes..... | 196,131 | 248,255 | - |
| - | | 4. Provide reimbursement to members of Legislature for expenses..... | 178,549 | 289,459 | - |
| + | | 5. Authorize issuance of revenue bonds for construction of water retention or impoundment structures for conservation..... | 247,607 | 179,550 | - |
| + | | 6. Prohibit purchase of Nebraska farm and ranch lands by other than Nebraska family farm corporations? | 290,377 | 224,555 | 559,422 |
| 1984 General Election | | | | | |
| + | | 1. Allow proceeds from forfeited or confiscated property to be divided equally between school fund and counties for drug enforcement purposes | 392,824 | 180,137 | - |
| + | | 2. Change provisions and procedures relating to disciplinary actions against judges | 411,193 | 119,207 | - |
| + | | 3. Allow municipalities to incur indebtedness to rehabilitate, acquire or redevelop substandard and blighted property | 352,346 | 177,515 | - |
| + | | 4. Authorize Legislature to separately classify agricultural and horticultural land | 411,868 | 175,546 | 670,781 |
| 1986 General Election | | | | | |
| - | | 1. Change date on which Legislature convenes..... | 223,673 | 228,808 | - |
| + | | 2. Provide changes in impeachment procedure | 257,398 | 173,281 | 576,271 |
| 1988 Primary Election | | | | | |
| + | | 1. Increase legislators' maximum monthly salaries from \$400 to \$1,000..... | 206,065 | 166,026 | 403,177 |
| 1988 General Election | | | | | |
| + | | 1. Change finance provisions relating to redevelopment of substandard or blighted property by further defining project area | 317,614 | 208,076 | - |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | + | 2. Authorize pari-mutuel wagering on horse races run within or outside the state conducted at licensed racetracks | 366,682 | 219,438 | - |
| | + | 3a. Provide that only registered voters (instead of electors) may sign petitions for initiatives or referendums | 380,863 | 177,861 | - |
| | + | 3b. Permit people who turn 18 on or before a general election date to vote during the calendar year of their 18th birthday | 297,125 | 288,935 | - |
| | + | 4. Establish the right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes ⁷ | 393,829 | 216,528 | 678,669 |
| 1990 General Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Provide that agricultural and horticultural land is a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation..... | 317,534 | 200,744 | - |
| | + | 2. Create the Intermediate Court of Appeals..... | 337,667 | 166,185 | - |
| | + | 3. Empower municipalities to use local sources of revenue for economic and industrial development upon voter approval | 302,981 | 202,155 | - |
| | + | 4. Establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education..... | 268,037 | 210,599 | - |
| | - | 5. Establish a Nebraska State Lottery System operated by certain nonprofit organizations ⁷ | 202,814 | 371,711 | - |
| | - | 6. Establish a 2 percent limitation on annual budget increases of all governmental subdivisions ⁷ | 178,749 | 400,872 | 604,195 |
| 1992 Primary Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Separate tangible personal property from the uniform and proportionate provision applicable to real property; provide for the valuation of taxable tangible personal property; provide for the separate classification of property and franchises protected by federal law; harmonize a provision of law relating to limitations on county taxes; provide that tax legislation passed during the 1992 regular session is retroactive..... | 204,147 | 155,918 | 393,183 |
| 1992 General Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1a. Establish state lottery..... | 440,973 | 267,928 | - |
| | - | 1b. Use proceeds of state lottery to compensate depositors of industrial loan and investment companies for unreimbursed losses..... | 230,273 | 429,656 | - |
| | + | 2. Authorize governing bodies of municipalities and counties to approve, deny, suspend, cancel or revoke retail and bottle club liquor licenses | 357,927 | 292,619 | - |
| | - | 3. Set limits on terms of certain elected state and U.S. congressional officials ^{7, 10} | 481,048 | 224,114 | 744,548 |
| 1994 General Election | | | | | |
| | - | 1. Set limits on terms of certain elected state and U.S. congressional officials ^{7, 10} | 359,774 | 171,894 | 593,654 |
| 1996 Primary Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Authorize Legislature to provide for enforcement of mediation, binding arbitration agreements and other forms of dispute resolution..... | 172,882 | 69,218 | - |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | + | 2. Allow Legislature, with a three-fifths vote, to dispense with the reading of a bill or resolution when it is presented for final passage | 160,443 | 88,208 | - |
| | + | 3. Prescribe that crime victims shall have certain rights | 194,964 | 54,950 | - |
| | + | 4. Establish powers and duties for Tax Equalization and Review Commission; eliminate equalization powers of governor, tax commissioner, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer | 127,718 | 110,594 | 300,586 |
| 1996 General Election | | | | | |
| | - | 1. Remove the restriction that pari-mutuel wagering on horse races be conducted within licensed racetrack enclosures | 236,600 | 388,462 | - |
| | - | 2. Authorize state senators to participate in employee benefit programs in which other state officers can participate | 194,662 | 389,637 | - |
| | - | 3. Provide for mergers and consolidations of counties or other local governments; allow Legislature to provide for reasonable differences in tax rates within and outside municipalities and on different classes of property; change allocation of proceeds from motor vehicle taxes; provide that property of the state and its governmental subdivisions is exempt from taxation to the extent such property is used for public purposes; authorize classification and taxation of such property; repeal provisions dealing with township organization and towns | 268,418 | 301,064 | - |
| | + | 4. Instruct Nebraska's members of Congress and state legislators to support a U.S. constitutional amendment limiting terms of members of Congress; place language on election ballots informing voters about candidates' positions on these term limits; instruct state legislators to apply to Congress to convene a convention to propose an amendment to the U.S. constitution limiting congressional terms ¹¹ | 345,071 | 246,665 | - |
| | - | 5. Provide that the number of signatures needed to place initiative and referendum proposals on the ballot be based on the number of votes cast for governor in the most recent general election ⁷ | 242,687 | 330,112 | - |
| | - | 6. Make "quality education" a fundamental constitutional right of each person; provide that the "thorough and efficient education" of all people ages 5 to 21 in the common schools shall be the "paramount duty" of the state; require Legislature to establish school finance system to provide for thorough education in efficiently operated public schools ⁷ | 146,426 | 506,246 | - |
| | - | 7. Create property tax levy limits for governmental subdivisions; authorize Legislature to prescribe means to determine fair market value of real property for property tax purposes; provide that value of real property for such purposes may not exceed 80 percent of fair market value for agricultural and horticultural land or 100 percent of fair market value for other real property; require Legislature to establish standards of efficiency for delivery of local governmental services ⁷ | 167,204 | 490,113 | 686,749 |
| 1998 Primary Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Allow state executive officers to reside anywhere in the state | 236,717 | 67,127 | - |
| | + | 2. Require legislative committees to hold open meetings and require recording and publishing of certain votes by legislative committees | 253,661 | 50,739 | - |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | + | 3. Eliminate language permitting imprisonment for debt in cases of fraud | 141,077 | 140,372 | - |
| | + | 4. Eliminate language allowing the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases..... | 134,357 | 119,889 | - |
| | + | 5a. Require initiative measures to contain only one subject..... | 193,543 | 76,707 | - |
| | + | 5b. Require referendum measures to refer to only one act of the Legislature..... | 174,016 | 83,780 | - |
| | - | 6. Provide that the lieutenant governor shall no longer be the Legislature's presiding officer | 118,495 | 145,133 | - |
| | + | 7a. Eliminate a requirement that session laws be published in book form..... | 150,817 | 106,837 | - |
| | + | 7b. Transfer Article XVII, Section 6, which says the Legislature shall pass all laws necessary to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, to Article III, Section 30..... | 160,964 | 84,410 | - |
| | + | 7c. Repeal requirement that printed copies of the Constitution be prefixed to books containing the laws of the state..... | 150,652 | 101,488 | 362,567 |
| 1998 General Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Provide that no person shall be denied equal protection of the laws | 336,672 | 126,951 | - |
| | + | 2a. Change the way vehicle tax proceeds are allocated..... | 266,513 | 188,390 | - |
| | + | 2b. Authorize legislation relating to mergers and consolidations by local governments | 240,554 | 189,077 | - |
| | + | 2c. Provide that government property is exempt from taxation to the extent the property is used for public purposes; authorize classification and taxation of property not used for authorized public purposes..... | 248,179 | 181,220 | - |
| | - | 2d. Repeal references to townships and towns..... | 150,394 | 255,093 | - |
| | + | 3a. Allow Supreme Court judges to reside anywhere in the state..... | 222,659 | 213,458 | - |
| | - | 3b. Provide for statewide votes on whether Supreme Court or appellate court judges should be retained in office..... | 198,656 | 222,991 | - |
| | - | 4. Limit government spending by limiting state and local tax revenue increases? | 191,046 | 340,862 | 581,775 |
| 2000 Primary Election | | | | | |
| | - | 1. Eliminate an English language requirement for private, denominational and parochial schools..... | 68,234 | 226,762 | 324,903 |
| 2000 General Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Change the method of nominating and electing the lieutenant governor | 322,554 | 299,849 | - |
| | - | 2. State that the language in the Constitution shall be construed to be gender neutral and to direct the secretary of state to revise the Constitution to implement such construction | 257,932 | 344,052 | - |

Vote on Constitutional Amendments, 1882-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | - | 3a. Change election procedures for constitutional amendments to require two separate votes by the electorate..... | 225,690 | 365,793 | - |
| | + | 3b. Identify the powers of initiative and referendum and to remove obsolete language | 388,402 | 169,580 | - |
| | - | 3c. Change filing requirements for initiative petitions | 212,383 | 356,144 | - |
| | + | 4. Change the effective date of compensation changes made by the Legislature for the judiciary to allow the changes to take effect for all judges at the beginning of the full term of any judge of any court in the state..... | 316,008 | 245,782 | - |
| | + | 5. Require the resignation of members of the Legislature elected to other state or local offices except as otherwise provided by law..... | 449,656 | 126,364 | - |
| | + | 6. Provide that no person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Nebraska Legislature for four years after the expiration of two consecutive legislative terms' | 355,030 | 280,985 | - |
| | + | 7. Provide that only marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska and to provide further that the uniting of two persons of the same sex in a civil union, domestic partnership or other similar same-sex relationship shall not be valid' | 477,571 | 203,667 | 707,223 |
| 2002 General Election | | | | | |
| | - | 1. Clarify English language requirements in schools..... | 186,667 | 244,363 | - |
| | - | 2. Authorize the use of revenue bonds to develop and lease property for use for nonprofit enterprises as determined by law | 167,255 | 245,139 | 490,914 |
| 2004 General Election | | | | | |
| | + | 1. Authorize exemption of certain improvements to historically significant real property from property taxation | 406,230 | 288,544 | - |
| | - | 2. Remove the lieutenant governor's duties as presiding officer of the Legislature and designate the speaker as presiding officer of the Legislature; eliminate a provision that allows the lieutenant governor to vote on issues before the Legislature when the vote is a tie | 262,040 | 408,515 | - |
| | - | 3. Define casino gaming and permit the Legislature to authorize up to two casino locations subject to approval by voters in the affected counties and provide for the authorization, operation, regulation and taxation of casino gaming | 267,655 | 482,301 | - |
| | + | 4. Require the Legislature to appropriate 10 percent of state lottery proceeds to the Nebraska State Fair Board | 403,073 | 321,410 | - |
| | - | 5. Provide that people may enact laws by initiative measure to provide for the authorization, operation, regulation and taxation of all forms of games of chance' | 363,478 | 380,424 | - |
| | + | 6. Require a vote of at least two-thirds of the Legislature to amend, repeal, modify or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative' | 402,709 | 331,908 | 792,906 |
| 2006 Primary Election | | | | | |
| | - | 1. Increase the annual salary of members of the Legislature to \$21,000 and increase annually according to changes in a consumer price index..... | 168,635 | 208,187 | 400,687 |

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| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Amendment | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| 2006 General Election | | | | | |
| - | 1. | Authorize the use of revenue bonds to develop and lease property for use by nonprofit enterprises as determined by law | 244,535 | 280,471 | - |
| - | 2. | Authorize the investment of the public endowment funds of cities, villages, school districts, public power districts, and other political subdivisions in such manner and in such investments as the governing body of such political subdivision may determine, subject to limitations by the Legislature..... | 221,499 | 292,456 | - |
| - | 3. | Increase the amount of state lottery proceeds to be distributed to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund..... | 215,827 | 336,410 | - |
| + | 4. | Permit supervision of individuals sentenced to probation, released on parole, or enrolled in court programs or services by the judicial and executive departments as provided by the Legislature..... | 283,639 | 221,148 | - |
| + | 5. | Permit use of funds dedicated to the common schools for early childhood educational purposes..... | 291,454 | 243,988 | - |
| - | 6. | Remove a requirement that property be substandard and blighted for purposes of rehabilitating, acquiring, or redeveloping such property through use of public debt or special property tax treatment, to add developed as a purpose for use of the constitutional provision authorizing public debt and special property provision, and to authorize the Legislature to extend the term of such special tax treatment from fifteen to thirty years..... | 151,041 | 344,483 | - |
| - | 7. | Impose a state spending limit based on a calculation involving previous appropriations, the inflation rate and population change ⁷ | 172,859 | 406,419 | 610,499 |
| 2008 Primary Election | | | | | |
| + | 1. | Allow investment of public endowment funds by cities authorized by the Nebraska Constitution to establish a charter | 137,047 | 99,920 | 260,150 |
| 2008 General Election | | | | | |
| - | 1. | Remove a requirement that cities and villages use only general tax revenue for economic and industrial development projects and programs | 312,125 | 371,664 | - |
| + | 2. | Prohibit the State, any public institution of higher education, political subdivision or government institution from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group based upon race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin ⁷ | 404,766 | 298,401 | 814,012 |
| 2010 Primary Election | | | | | |
| + | 1. | Authorize the use of revenue bonds by nonprofit enterprises | 129,018 | 116,708 | 278,238 |
| 2010 General Election | | | | | |
| + | 1. | Change the power of municipalities to fund development sources.... | 221,295 | 216,419 | - |
| - | 2. | Abolish the office of state treasurer..... | 146,935 | 299,882 | 497,248 |

⁷ 27,788 ballots were cast on which electors expressed no choice as to such amendment. 16,013 ballots were cast on which were printed "For proposed amendment to constitution relating to the legislative department" and "Against proposed amendment to the constitution relating to the legislative department" and neither proposition was erased. (*Nebraska House Journal*, 1887, Page 969.)

² For analysis of vote and recount, see earlier editions of the *Nebraska Blue Book*.

³ *Nebraska House Journal*, 1897, Page 1055.

⁴ Last election at which total vote was calculated from the total vote for governor.

⁵First election under provision permitting state party conventions to adopt proposed amendments and all “party circle ballots” to be counted. Both Republican and Democratic parties adopted amendment.

⁶Republican Party adopted amendment at primary and Democratic Party rejected it.

⁷Proposed by popular initiative.

⁸See the 41 proposals submitted by the constitutional convention of 1920 (Pages 251-252).

⁹Election declared void by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

¹⁰Amendment approved by voters but declared void by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

¹¹U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska, blocked enforcement of portions of this amendment.

Vote on Initiated and Referred Measures, 1914-2010

A proposal submitted to Nebraska voters by an initiative or referendum petition is adopted if a majority of those voting on the question vote in favor of it, provided that the affirmative votes are at least 35 percent of the total votes cast at that election. Provisions for initiative and referendum petitions were added to the Nebraska Constitution in 1912.

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Law | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|---------------------|--------------|--|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1914 | + | 1. Employer's liability | 92,513 | 85,777 | - |
| | - | 2. Nebraska City Armory..... | 40,520 | 133,457 | - |
| | - | 3. University removal ¹ | 66,883 | 148,110 | - |
| | - | 4. Women's suffrage, authorization ^{1,2} | 90,738 | 100,842 | 246,941 |
| 1916 | + | 1. Liquor traffic, prohibition ^{1,2} | 146,574 | 117,132 | - |
| | - | 2. Pure Food Department, creation ^{1,2} | 91,215 | 105,993 | 302,685 |
| 1920 | - | 1. Partial repeal of primary..... | 49,410 | 133,115 | 390,833 |
| 1922 | + | 1. Bank charters..... | 172,675 | 149,240 | - |
| | + | 2. Anti-picketing..... | 186,101 | 140,419 | - |
| | - | 3. Partial repeal of primary..... | 95,494 | 208,261 | - |
| | - | 4. Registration of voters | 106,314 | 195,066 | 407,673 |
| 1924 | - | 1. Direct primary and nonpartisan elections, establishment ^{1,2} | 163,932 | 228,485 | 471,600 |
| 1930 | - | 1. Authorization for cities and villages and public electric light and power districts to extend their lines ¹ | 144,595 | 157,107 | - |
| | + | 2. Authorization for cities and towns owning electric light plants to extend their lines ¹ | 240,579 | 89,205 | - |
| | - | 3. Prohibition of sale of municipally owned plants except for cash, etc. ¹ | 118,617 | 162,050 | 451,904 |
| 1932 | - | 1. State police ¹ | 203,393 | 306,682 | 576,946 |
| 1934 | + | 1. Creation of unicameral, nonpartisan Legislature ^{1,2} | 286,086 | 193,152 | - |
| | + | 2. Pari-mutuel betting authorization ^{1,2} | 251,111 | 187,455 | 578,764 |
| 1938 | - | 1. Slot machines, licensing ^{1,2} | 115,189 | 333,120 | 507,471 |
| 1944 | - | 1. Prohibition of liquor traffic ¹ | 130,947 | 397,190 | - |
| | - | 2. Gas tax, prohibition of diversion ^{1,2} | 205,262 | 271,901 | 568,464 |
| 1946 | + | 1. Closed shop, abolition ^{1,2} | 212,443 | 142,702 | - |
| | - | 2. Schools, state aid ^{1,2} | 101,881 | 260,345 | 399,501 |
| 1948 | - | 1. Soldiers' bonus ¹ | 196,318 | 212,340 | 497,084 |
| 1950 | + | 1. Repeal of increased gas tax..... | 207,408 | 195,130 | - |
| | + | 2. Repeal of increased vehicle registration fee | 202,098 | 186,854 | 459,319 |
| 1956 | - | 1. Ton mile tax ¹ | 241,128 | 311,528 | 584,786 |
| 1958 | + | 1. Public power districts, in lieu of taxes ^{1,2} | 197,348 | 123,342 | - |
| | + | 2. Bingo ^{1,2} | 214,923 | 151,350 | 430,769 |
| 1960 | - | 1. Commissioner of education, election of ^{1,2} | 228,321 | 304,014 | 619,399 |
| 1964 | - | 1. Commissioner of education, election of ^{1,2} | 222,667 | 324,266 | 592,673 |
| 1966 | - | 1. Approval of income tax law | 133,594 | 310,681 | - |
| | + | 2. State property tax, termination of ^{1,2} | 223,969 | 216,093 | 497,995 |
| 1968 | - | 1. Income tax, prohibi ^{1,2} | 183,328 | 331,987 | 540,176 |
| 1974 | - | 1. State aid to schools..... | 177,704 | 250,908 | 428,612 |
| 1978 | - | 1. Provide increased state aid for public schools | 190,963 | 266,578 | - |
| | - | 2. Require deposits on beverage containers ¹ | 211,732 | 280,522 | - |
| | - | 3. Limit political subdivision budget increase to 5 percent ¹ | 211,106 | 262,949 | 511,010 |
| 1982 | + | 1. Prohibit purchase of Nebraska farm and ranch lands by other than Nebraska family farm corporations ^{1,2} | 290,377 | 224,555 | 559,422 |
| 1986 | - | 1. Retention of School consolidation law (LB 662) | 173,498 | 344,445 | - |
| | - | 2. Retention of seat belt use law (LB 496)..... | 266,944 | 268,127 | 576,271 |
| 1988 | - | 1. Withdraw Nebraska from Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact ¹ | 225,174 | 414,394 | - |
| | + | 2. Establish right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes ^{1,2} | 393,829 | 216,528 | 678,669 |
| 1990 | - | 1. Establish a Nebraska State Lottery System operated by certain nonprofit organizations ^{1,2} | 202,814 | 371,711 | - |
| | - | 2. Establish a 2 percent limitation on annual budget increases of all governmental subdivisions ^{1,2} | 178,749 | 400,872 | - |

* Total votes cast in election, including ballots of people not voting on particular amendment indicated.

- Rejected or declared void by Nebraska Supreme Court.

+ Adopted.

Vote on Initiated and Referred Measures, 1914-2010 (Cont'd.)

| Year Voted On | + or - | Subject of Law | For | Against | Total Votes Cast* |
|---------------------|--------------|--|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | + | 3. Retention of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (LB 1059)..... | 313,215 | 244,741 | 604,195 |
| 1992 | - | 1. Set limits on terms of certain elected state and U.S. congressional officials ^{1, 2, 3} | 481,048 | 224,114 | 744,548 |
| 1994 | - | 1. Set limits on terms of certain elected state and U.S. congressional officials ^{1, 2, 3} | 359,774 | 171,894 | 593,654 |
| 1996 | + | 1. Establish provisions relating to amending the U.S. constitution to limit terms of members of Congress ^{1, 2, 4} | 345,071 | 246,665 | - |
| | - | 2. Provide that number of signatures needed to place initiative and referendum proposals on the ballot be based on votes cast for governor in the most recent general election ^{1, 2} | 242,687 | 330,112 | - |
| | - | 3. Make "quality education" a fundamental constitutional right of each person ^{1, 2} | 146,426 | 506,246 | - |
| | - | 4. Create property tax levy limits for governmental subdivisions and establish provisions relating to valuation of real property for tax purposes ^{1, 2} | 167,204 | 490,113 | 686,749 |
| 1998 | - | 1. Limit government spending by limiting state and local tax revenue increases ^{1, 2} | 191,046 | 340,862 | - |
| | - | 2. Establish certain requirements relating to local telephone network access charges ¹ | 223,421 | 306,052 | 581,775 |
| 2000 | + | 1. Provide that no person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature for four years after the expiration of two consecutive legislative terms ^{1, 2} | 355,030 | 280,985 | - |
| | + | 2. Provide that only marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska ^{1, 2} | 477,571 | 203,667 | 707,223 |
| 2004 | - | 1. Provide that the people may enact laws by initiative measure to provide for the authorization, operation, regulation and taxation for all forms of games of chance; distribute certain percentages of gaming revenue to the state and authorizing communities; and establish an annual fee on gaming operators ^{1, 2} | 363,478 | 380,424 | 743,902 |
| | + | 2. Provide that the Legislature shall not amend, repeal, modify or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative, except upon a vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the Legislature ^{1, 2} | 402,709 | 331,908 | 734,617 |
| | + | 3. Establish an annual tax on gross gaming revenue generated at permitted locations; distribute certain percentages of gaming revenue to the state and authorizing communities; establish an annual fee on gaming operators ¹ | 380,161 | 362,673 | 742,834 |
| | - | 4. Permit communities to authorize games of chance; authorize the use of gaming devices at casinos, strategic premises, racetracks and establishments that sell alcoholic liquor on the premises; authorize the use of limited gaming devices and establish the numbers of casinos and gaming devices that may be operated in various locations ¹ | 353,248 | 394,865 | 748,113 |
| 2006 | - | 1. Authorize the use of video keno gaming devices ¹ | 224,182 | 351,270 | 575,452 |
| | - | 2. Impose a state spending limit based upon a calculation involving previous appropriations, the inflation rate and population change in Nebraska ^{1, 2} | 172,859 | 406,419 | 579,278 |
| | - | 3. Retention of legislation dissolving Class I school districts (LB 126) ¹ | 224,922 | 290,136 | 515,058 |
| 2008 | + | 1. Prohibit the State, any public institution of higher education, political subdivision or governmental institution from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, individuals or groups based upon race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin ^{1, 2} | 404,766 | 298,401 | 814,012 |

¹ Proposed by popular initiative.² Constitutional amendment.³ Approved by voters but declared void by the Nebraska Supreme Court.⁴ U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska, blocked enforcement of portions of this amendment.

STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS*

State appropriations for the 2009-10 fiscal year totaled \$8,346,736,933 for the operation of state government, including capital construction and aid to individuals, local governments and other entities. This amount includes supplemental appropriations (deficits) provided by the 2010 Legislature.

Of the total 2009-10 appropriation, \$3,319,795,000 was appropriated from the state general fund, which is financed by sales and use taxes, corporate and individual income taxes, and several other taxes, including liquor, cigarette and pari-mutuel taxes. Other appropriation amounts were: \$1,759,861,890 from cash funds, which include receipts from motor fuel taxes, hunting and fishing licenses, tuition at the University of Nebraska and state colleges, commodity checkoff collections and other fees and charges; \$2,550,874,716 from federal funds; and \$716,205,327 from revolving funds, which account for financial transactions between state agencies.

Fiscal year 2010-11 appropriations totaled \$8,461,467,589, consisting of \$3,405,101,292 from the state general fund, \$1,748,007,776 from cash funds, \$2,576,639,680 from federal funds and \$731,718,841 from revolving funds. Under biennial budgeting, these appropriations originally were made by the 2009 Legislature, with adjustments during the 2010 legislative session. These appropriation figures for 2010-11 do not, however, include supplemental appropriations that may be provided by the 2011 Legislature.

Editor's Note: The charts on the following five pages show appropriation figures for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The General Fund column lists each agency's budget for agency operations. For those agencies responsible for distributing aid to individuals, local governments and/or other entities, the agency's budget for state aid also is listed. In the All Funds column, the figures for fiscal year 2009-10 include supplemental appropriations (deficits) provided by the 2010 Legislature. However, the figures for fiscal year 2010-11 do not include supplemental appropriations that may be provided by the 2011 Legislature.

* Source: Legislative Fiscal Office.

Appropriations for State Government*

| Agency | General Fund ¹ | | All Funds ² | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 |
| Abstracters Board of Examiners..... | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 44,890 | \$ 44,986 |
| Accountability and Disclosure Commission..... | 415,774 | 410,932 | 575,472 | 570,974 |
| State Aid..... | 0 | 0 | 841,914 | 921,407 |
| Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of Public..... | 0 | 0 | 413,878 | 412,113 |
| Administrative Services, Department of..... | 9,170,728 | 8,024,21 | 196,965,967 | 196,385,009 |
| State Aid..... | 0 | 0 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| Advocacy, Commission on Public..... | 0 | 0 | 1,134,954 | 1,164,934 |
| Operations..... | 0 | 0 | 2,837,000 | 2,837,000 |
| State Aid..... | 0 | 0 | 4,192,616 | 3,738,954 |
| Aeronautics, Department of..... | 0 | 0 | 27,275,712 | 18,164,925 |
| State Aid..... | 0 | 0 | 16,271,264 | 16,329,945 |
| Agriculture, Department of..... | 6,222,625 | 6,016,706 | 2,171,921 | 2,177,162 |
| State Aid..... | 58,500 | 111,720 | 754,704 | 724,498 |
| Arts Council, Nebraska..... | 615,311 | 585,033 | 2839,964 | 2,793,664 |
| Operations..... | 856,654 | 847,854 | 10,340,650 | 9,711,589 |
| State Aid..... | 6,626,266 | 5,943,070 | 3,525,468 | 3,422,086 |
| Attorney General (Department of Justice)..... | 2,446,480 | 2,343,098 | 6,566,627 | 6,401,106 |
| Auditor of Public Accounts..... | 0 | 0 | 146,889 | 147,041 |
| Banking, Department of..... | 0 | 0 | 3,917,612 | 3,917,612 |
| Barber Examiners, Board of..... | 0 | 0 | 709,454 | 700,465 |
| Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the..... | 842,943 | 835,295 | 3,825,578 | 3,917,612 |
| Operations..... | 185,250 | 176,890 | 4,344,953 | 4,233,544 |
| State Aid..... | 0 | 0 | 86,966,256 | 86,738,025 |
| Brand Committee, Nebraska..... | 0 | 0 | 81,763,680 | 81,798,433 |
| Colleges, Community..... | 86,966,256 | 86,738,025 | 14,083,698 | 14,083,698 |
| Colleges, Nebraska State..... | 45,335,219 | 45,369,972 | 5,480,339 | 5,350,048 |
| State Aid..... | 0 | 0 | 176,072,965 | 180,799,261 |
| Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board..... | 0 | 0 | 3,812,250 | 3,640,210 |
| Correctional Services, Department of..... | 120,145,021 | 142,575,132 | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 |
| Operations..... | 38,12,250 | 3,640,210 | 390,000 | 380,000 |
| State Aid..... | 0 | 0 | 12,224,956 | 11,515,218 |
| Dairy Industry Development Board..... | 0 | 0 | 4,754,074 | 4,754,074 |
| Dry Bean Commission..... | 4,711,617 | 4,754,074 | 1,545,922 | 1,545,922 |
| Economic Development, Department of..... | 1,593,750 | 1,545,922 | 63,021,712 | 64,552,746 |
| State Aid..... | 17,263,206 | 17,662,993 | | |
| Education, State Department of..... | | | | |

*Source: Legislative Fiscal Office

¹ General fund appropriations include only those funds derived from income and sales taxes, excise taxes and miscellaneous receipts.

² Figures are total appropriations for each agency from general, cash, federal and revolving funds.

Appropriations for State Government (Cont'd.)

| Agency | General Fund ¹ | | All Funds ² | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 |
| Educational Lands and Funds, Board of | 1,036,218,501 | 1,006,343,095 | 1,426,408,338 | 1,454,326,710 |
| State Aid | 339,756 | 355,510 | 9,706,744 | 9,981,354 |
| Educational Telecommunications Commission | 9,718,823 | 9,498,750 | 9,967,967 | 9,741,505 |
| Operations | 0 | 0 | 1,576,769 | 1,584,533 |
| Electrical Board, State | 0 | 0 | 1,422,846 | 1,445,551 |
| Operations | 0 | 0 | 6,370,550 | 6,331,397 |
| Energy Office, State | 0 | 0 | 759,095 | 755,164 |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 35,147,752 | 35,582,346 |
| Engineers and Architects, Board of | 3,402,811 | 3,264,821 | 35,601,996 | 35,109,996 |
| Operations | 4,396,278 | 4,304,996 | 2,081,688 | 2,087,999 |
| Environmental Quality, Department of | 1,293,175 | 1,276,113 | 546,321 | 532,313 |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 6,323,251 | 6,282,358 |
| Equal Opportunity Commission | 4,369,109 | 4,293,454 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Operations | 0 | 0 | 2,027,539 | 2,014,437 |
| Fire Marshal, State | 1,386,358 | 1,357,694 | 57,008,790 | 59,025,555 |
| State Aid | 11,460,477 | 11,507,092 | 16,770,222 | 16,770,222 |
| Foster Care Review Board, State | 46,312 | 44,222 | 31,649 | 31,352 |
| Operations | 0 | 0 | 1,636,049 | 1,636,049 |
| Game and Parks Commission | 1,704,487 | 1,636,049 | 296,400 | 288,800 |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 552,740,471 | 555,096,941 |
| Geologists, Board of | 244,381,736 | 252,915,827 | 2,307,107,124 | 2,358,462,192 |
| Operations | 855,611,099 | 931,792,389 | 864,911 | 848,873 |
| Governor | 853,429 | 836,115 | 6,874,484 | 6,746,160 |
| Grain Sorghum Board | 4,393,168 | 4,194,912 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Health and Human Services, Department of | 0 | 0 | 190,125 | 223,535 |
| State Aid | 190,125 | 223,535 | 0 | 25,000 |
| Hearing Impaired, Commission for the | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Historical Society, Nebraska State | 324,631 | 309,981 | 324,631 | 309,981 |
| Indian Affairs, Commission on | 0 | 0 | 11,283,253 | 10,907,249 |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 2,370,129 | 2,497,644 |
| Industrial Relations, Commission of | 0 | 0 | 36,935,177 | 37,373,019 |
| Insurance, Department of | 552,868 | 542,072 | 9,265,000 | 9,265,000 |
| Investment Council, Nebraska | 0 | 0 | 29,132 | 28,391 |
| Labor, Department of | 0 | 0 | 22,289 | 21,722 |
| Land Surveyors, State Board of | 0 | 0 | 12,808,532 | 12,435,113 |
| Operations | 8,996,818 | 8,722,109 | 9,076,465 | 9,599,662 |
| Landscape Architects, State Board of | 2,166,328 | 17,550,553 | 18,086,012 | 17,845,341 |
| Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Commission on | 17,604,699 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Legislative Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Appropriations for State Government (Cont'd.)

| Agency | General Fund ¹ | | All Funds ² | |
|--|---------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 |
| Library Commission, Nebraska | 2,603,990 | 2,489,223 | 3,485,736 | 3,420,069 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| State Aid | 1,187,723 | 1,131,378 | 1,899,118 | 1,792,773 |
| Lieutenant Governor..... | | | | |
| Operations..... | 142,877 | 143,285 | 142,877 | 143,285 |
| Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska | 973,688 | 957,770 | 1,046,268 | 1,028,489 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| Mexican-Americans, Commission on..... | 195,449 | 195,837 | 232,611 | 230,837 |
| Military Department (Adjutant General) | 3,789,772 | 3,695,668 | 16,771,714 | 16,905,243 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| State Aid | 1,511,875 | 988,775 | 7,582,479 | 7,059,379 |
| Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, Nebraska | 0 | 0 | 681,603 | 683,768 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| Motor Vehicles, Department of | 0 | 0 | 25,039,196 | 25,862,040 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 156,000 | 152,000 |
| Natural Resources, Department of | 9,473,223 | 9,304,414 | 10,389,904 | 10,208,638 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| State Aid | 7,971,361 | 7,611,628 | 13,353,382 | 12,857,503 |
| Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska | 0 | 0 | 88,017 | 84,592 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| Operations..... | 801,278 | 799,188 | 801,278 | 799,188 |
| Parole and Pardons, Boards of | 54,313,186 | 55,891,491 | 71,599,368 | 73,630,771 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| Patrol, Nebraska State | 1,271,224 | 1,213,855 | 1,308,015 | 1,250,395 |
| Postsecondary Education Coordinating Commission | 6,908,351 | 6,863,406 | 14,880,082 | 15,585,137 |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 392,038 | 676,069 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| Power Review Board, Nebraska..... | 2,552,234 | 2,509,079 | 6,948,935 | 6,853,287 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| Public Service Commission | 0 | 0 | 71,686,597 | 71,668,992 |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 884,918 | 885,578 |
| Racing Commission, State | 0 | 0 | 180,000 | 180,000 |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 279,547 | 276,611 |
| Real Estate Appraiser Board | 0 | 0 | 1,087,589 | 1,091,523 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| Real Estate Commission, State..... | 25,589,490 | 27,420,010 | 32,213,737 | 32,517,427 |
| Retirement Board, Public Employees | 28,801,138 | 27,071,402 | 51,698,334 | 50,704,044 |
| Revenue, Department of | 67,359,000 | 66,396,500 | 190,692,520 | 189,516,340 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| State Aid | 2,545 | 2,429 | 656,937,446 | 658,226,061 |
| Roads, Department of | 0 | 0 | 7,707,190 | 4,780,782 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| Secretary of State..... | 458,578 | 448,368 | 9,438,104 | 8,022,593 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Supreme Court | 69,386,261 | 70,264,041 | 87,255,810 | 88,347,118 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| State Aid | 0 | 0 | 720,000 | 720,000 |
| Tax Equalization and Review Commission..... | 853,565 | 815,044 | 951,065 | 910,044 |
| Treasurer, State | 1,552,161 | 1,513,782 | 8,584,789 | 5,452,759 |
| Operations..... | | | | |
| State Aid | 17,828,421 | 17,023,857 | 21,478,421 | 20,673,857 |

Appropriations for State Government (Cont'd.)

| Agency | General Fund ¹ | | All Funds ² | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 |
| University of Nebraska..... | 482,481,131 | 494,720,104 | 1,568,801,741 | 1,619,811,827 |
| Operations..... | 0 | 0 | 19,995,386 | 19,995,386 |
| State Aid..... | 935,408 | 1,115,761 | 935,408 | 1,115,761 |
| Veterans' Affairs, Department of..... | 0 | 0 | 1,375,161 | 1,339,901 |
| Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board..... | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Women, Commission on the Status of..... | 0 | 0 | 5,239,568 | 5,616,949 |
| Workers' Compensation Court..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total for Agency Operations..... | 1,210,944,858 | 1,253,551,864 | 3,928,493,583 | 3,986,681,149 |
| Total for State Aid..... | 2,094,677,909 | 2,137,747,195 | 4,339,223,071 | 4,403,634,391 |
| Capital Construction Appropriations..... | 14,172,233 | 13,802,233 | 79,020,279 | 71,152,049 |
| TOTAL..... | \$3,319,795,000 | \$3,405,101,292 | \$8,346,736,933 | \$8,461,467,589 |

General Fund Appropriations by Major Area*

| Area | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| AGENCY OPERATIONS | | |
| University/Colleges (excludes state aid)..... | \$ 527,816,350 | \$ 540,090,076 |
| Health and Human Services..... | 244,381,736 | 252,915,827 |
| Correctional Services..... | 120,145,021 | 142,575,132 |
| Courts..... | 69,386,261 | 70,264,041 |
| State Patrol..... | 54,313,186 | 55,891,491 |
| Revenue..... | 28,801,138 | 27,071,402 |
| Other Agencies..... | 166,101,166 | 164,743,895 |
| TOTAL..... | 1,210,944,858 | 1,253,551,864 |
| STATE AID TO INDIVIDUALS/OTHER ENTITIES | | |
| Medicaid..... | 434,618,883 | 489,426,763 |
| Public Assistance..... | 237,506,958 | 248,124,986 |
| Developmental Disability Services..... | 83,269,149 | 90,573,431 |
| Behavioral Health Services..... | 74,225,354 | 74,721,481 |
| Children's Health Insurance Program..... | 9,125,708 | 11,634,348 |
| Aging and Care Management..... | 7,918,808 | 7,999,438 |
| Higher Education Student Aid..... | 6,908,351 | 6,863,406 |
| Other Aid to Individuals/Other..... | 17,156,158 | 17,366,743 |
| TOTAL..... | 870,729,369 | 946,710,686 |
| STATE AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | | |
| State Aid to Education..... | 824,960,159 | 796,734,560 |
| Special Education..... | 184,893,842 | 184,893,842 |
| Aid to Community Colleges..... | 86,966,256 | 86,758,025 |
| Homestead Exemption Reimbursements..... | 63,859,000 | 65,000,000 |
| Aid to Educational Service Units..... | 15,887,570 | 14,791,327 |
| Aid to Cities..... | 11,482,763 | 10,964,566 |
| Aid to Counties..... | 6,340,988 | 6,019,722 |
| County Jail Reimbursement..... | 3,812,250 | 3,640,210 |
| Other Aid to Local Governments..... | 23,745,712 | 22,234,257 |
| TOTAL..... | 1,223,948,540 | 1,191,036,509 |
| CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION..... | 14,172,233 | 13,802,233 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS..... | \$3,319,795,000 | \$3,405,101,292 |

* Source: Legislative Fiscal Office.

NUMBER OF STATE EMPLOYEES

State Agencies, December 2009*¹

| Agency | Employees ² | Agency | Employees ² |
|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Abstracters Board of Examiners..... | 6 | Labor, Department of..... | 469 |
| Accountability and Disclosure Commission..... | 16 | Land Surveyors, State Board of Examiners for..... | 0 |
| Accountancy, State Board of Public..... | 11 | Landscape Architects, Board of..... | 0 |
| Administrative Services..... | 518 | Legislature..... | 321 |
| Aeronautics, Department of..... | 26 | Library Commission..... | 46 |
| Agriculture, Department of..... | 155 | Lieutenant Governor..... | 2 |
| Arts Council, Nebraska..... | 10 | Liquor Control Commission..... | 15 |
| Attorney General - Department of Justice..... | 137 | Mexican-Americans, Commission on..... | 10 |
| Auditor of Public Accounts..... | 46 | Military Department (Adjutant General)..... | 219 |
| Banking and Finance, Department of..... | 61 | Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board..... | 16 |
| Barber Examiners, Board of..... | 5 | Motor Vehicles, Department of..... | 185 |
| Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for..... | 55 | Natural Resources, Department of..... | 113 |
| Brand Committee, Nebraska..... | 105 | Oil and Gas Conservation Commission..... | 11 |
| Corn Development, Utilization and | | Parole and Pardons, Boards of..... | 10 |
| Marketing Board..... | 16 | Patrol, Nebraska State..... | 740 |
| Correctional Services, Department of..... | 2,300 | Postsecondary Education, | |
| Crime Commission..... | 45 | Coordinating Commission for..... | 13 |
| Dairy Industry Development Board..... | 0 | Power Review Board..... | 8 |
| Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for..... | 13 | Public Advocacy, Commission on..... | 9 |
| Dry Bean Commission..... | 1 | Public Service Commission..... | 56 |
| Economic Development, Department of..... | 73 | Racing Commission, State..... | 7 |
| Education, State Department of..... | 572 | Rail Revitalization Council..... | 0 |
| Educational Lands and Funds, Board of..... | 34 | Real Estate Appraiser Board..... | 7 |
| Educational Telecommunications Commission..... | 74 | Real Estate Commission, State..... | 17 |
| Electrical Division, State..... | 19 | Retirement Systems..... | 55 |
| Energy Office..... | 20 | Revenue, Department of..... | 468 |
| Engineers and Architects, Board of..... | 16 | Roads, Department of..... | 2,225 |
| Environmental Quality, Department of..... | 225 | Secretary of State..... | 42 |
| Equal Opportunity Commission..... | 39 | Supreme Court..... | 1,148 |
| Ethanol Board, Nebraska..... | 11 | Tax Equalization and Review Commission..... | 9 |
| Fire Marshal, State..... | 161 | Treasurer, State..... | 50 |
| Foster Care Review Board..... | 27 | Veterans' Affairs, Department of..... | 14 |
| Game and Parks Commission..... | 760 | Wheat Development, Utilization and | |
| Geologists, Board of..... | 0 | Marketing Board..... | 3 |
| Governor..... | 19 | Women, Commission on the Status of..... | 0 |
| Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and | | Workers' Compensation Court..... | 53 |
| Marketing Board..... | 1 | | |
| Health and Human Services, Department of..... | 6,507 | TOTAL..... | 18,650 |
| Historical Society, State..... | 84 | | |
| Indian Affairs, Commission on..... | 17 | | |
| Industrial Relations, Commission of..... | 8 | | |
| Insurance, Department of..... | 104 | | |
| Investment Council, Nebraska..... | 12 | | |

* Source: *2009 State of Nebraska Personnel Almanac*, State Personnel Division, Nebraska Department of Administrative Services.

¹ Includes data from all state agencies except the University of Nebraska and the state colleges.

² Includes all employees in the state payroll, including temporary, part-time, per diem and all non-classified positions.

University of Nebraska, September 2009*

| Campus | Employees ³ | Campus | Employees ³ |
|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Central Administration..... | 155 ⁴ | University of Nebraska Medical Center | 3,680 |
| University of Nebraska-Lincoln..... | 5,564 ⁵ | University of Nebraska at Omaha | 1,316 |
| University of Nebraska at Kearney..... | 705 | TOTAL..... | 11,420 |

* Source: University of Nebraska Central Administration.

³ Full-time employees only. Does not include retirees, ancillaries, volunteers, graduate assistants or student workers.

⁴ Includes central computing services employees.

⁵ Includes NCTA employees.

Nebraska State College System, June 2010*

| Campus | Employees ⁶ | Campus | Employees ⁶ |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| System Office..... | 9 | Wayne State College..... | 364 |
| Chadron State College..... | 282 | TOTAL..... | 821 |
| Peru State College | 166 | | |

* Source: Nebraska State College System.

⁶ Full-time employees only. Does not include graduate assistants, adjunct faculty or work study participants.

